

Hello,

I am writing to register my profound dismay at the action of Pappas Telecasting Companies in "donating" airtime to a particular political party. The FCC has the responsibility for enforcing fair access for those communications entities that use the public airwaves. Here is the issue as I see it:

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a voice and not the others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous and unfair offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time (What was the donated time purchased with?).

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest.

As the public stewards of the airwaves, I ask the FCC to determine with all due dispatch whether Pappas Telecasting Companies are serving the public interest in this case and in the issue underlying it, and to provide the public with its determination.

Thank you.